

WIFE SAYS MANTELL LEFT HER DESTITUTE

Offers Pathetic Letter to Actor's Son in Suit for Separation.

CRUELTY IS HIS DEFENCE.

Couple Married in 1911 and Match Was Kept Secret From Parents.

A pathetic letter to her husband, who had just abandoned her, by a young wife who expected soon to become a mother was one of the chief exhibits yesterday in a suit of Mrs. Helen E. Mantell, who used to be an artist's model, against Jack C. Mantell, son of Robert B. Mantell, the actor, for separation on the ground of desertion.

Mantell, who is a carpet salesman, married the plaintiff at Asbury Park on August 15, 1911, after she had taken a prominent part in the carnival there. She is a daughter of George F. Hills, president of the George F. Hills Company, manufacturers of paper at 108 Cliff street. The marriage was kept secret from the parents of both.

In his answer Mantell alleged that his wife was abusive to him and assaulted him violently in their home at 315 West Fifty-seventh street. He alleged that on April 23 last before he left her she "violently pinched, scratched and bit him."

While Mrs. Mantell was testifying yesterday her six-month-old daughter, Virginia Fisher Mantell, cooed in the arms of Mrs. Mantell's mother. The plaintiff said that on one occasion after her husband repulsed her on the street she fainted. When she regained her senses her husband was gone. She found her way home and wrote him a letter, which was offered in evidence and was in part as follows:

"Jack, don't you intend to come home any more at all? Or help me with any of those financial or other worries that are so pressing? I have no clothes and am sadly in need of all kinds of clothing and necessities, besides many things for the coming baby. It is impossible for me to live on the \$5 a week you have been allowing me for all my expenses. The heat of the kitchen is too much for my present state of health—it makes me faint and ill. I am alone most of the time and cannot sleep nights or rest in the day. I will have no strength for the coming year and I've no one to look to but you. You know I would not have been able to live had it not been for my father's help these past two months. It is appalling to me to see the time for our child to be born and my father's patience is at an end. I've a very few little things for the baby that father paid for, but the doctor says I need quite a lot more. It is quite terrible for you to be ignoring all these things, including my state of mind and health, and spending your money on clothes and pleasure for yourself. If you no longer have any regard for me as a wife, you ought to do something for your coming child. I am not writing of my sufferings mentally because of your neglect and cruelty and my aching heart; you know all that. If my brain gives way or my body fails you will know that you have directly and ruthlessly caused it.

"It is unbearable enough to have one you dearly loved and trusted cease to love and respect you without justification because of worldly interests, but to have them disregard you in the manner you are is unbearable cruelty. I want my child to be happy and strong physically and mentally and my own mind is in despair. I have scarcely any bodily strength left because I cannot sleep. And half the time I cannot eat, and I am spending your time in self-pity and gayeties. Are you going to do something to relieve this situation?"

In another letter Mrs. Mantell said:

"The good God did not give me such beauty, not a single feature of quality of real beauty. But somehow it seems He gave me the ability to attract. It may not be of long duration, but it is rather comforting to observe the effect. Love is a jewel, a rare thing, and perhaps some time in the future some one will give me their jewel that I thought you once gave. I shall try to take good care of it, keep it glowing, recalling what once was in my heart. Others may love you, some may give you their love, but no one can love you as deeply as I loved you and give you a kiss from the heart. The case was not finished.

ELLA F. YOUNG FOR MAYOR.

Quoted School Head May Be Chicago Women's Candidate.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—Mrs. Ella Flag Young, who was forced to resign as superintendent of Chicago's public schools yesterday, may be the women's candidate for Mayor of Chicago.

This statement was made today by Miss Jane Adams, who is the head of the Chicago Women's Club, which gathered to protest against the forced resignation. Mrs. Young kept in seclusion at her hotel today and saw no one but her closest friends.

Mayor Harrison expressed astonishment today when told that Mrs. Young had failed of election as superintendent.

"I supposed there would be no question of the election of Mrs. Young," said the Mayor. "Yesterday morning I received a letter from Dr. Cornelia De Rey saying that the board intended to take in some new public school superintendent. Charles Pittman, my secretary, Charles Pittman, to President Reinberg's office requesting that the board be an open one. I am astonished that my request was ignored.

"I will take up the matter with Mrs. Young was one of the best Superintendents of Education we ever had."

Highly indignant at the ousting of Mrs. Young, Chicago women rallied to her aid today, and a mass meeting of teachers, clubwomen and mothers was called for Saturday to voice a protest. Mayor Harrison was invited to preside at this meeting and to cooperate in undoing the work of Mrs. Young's opponents.

The Mayor said this afternoon that he had the resignations of six members of the Board of Education in his desk. Asked if he intended to accept the resignations, the Mayor said he was considering the matter, but wanted to be sure first that he had the right ones.

WHITE SLAVER FOUND GUILTY.

Nephew of System's Head Convicted Quickly in U. S. Court.

A jury in the United States District Court yesterday took just fifteen minutes to find a verdict of guilty against Joe Romeo, nephew and agent of Frank Filastro, who until his conviction last January, according to the Federal authorities, was the leader of the white slave traffic here as well as the head of the Camorra in this country. Women witnesses at Romeo's trial told how agents of the Filastro gang married women and then sold them to white slaves.

Romeo was convicted on two counts, one of taking Mrs. Jennie Mazza from one State to another for immoral purposes and the second of conspiring with Filastro to the same end. Filastro has been sentenced to five years imprisonment.

NOT TIED TO DR. MAXWELL.

Public Education Association Informs Board of Education.

The Public Education Association has sent an open letter to members of the Board of Education defining its attitude in the controversy between the board and the superintendents. The letter speaks of "repeated efforts to create the impression that the Public Education Association is an organization acting in the interest of the present city Superintendent of the schools," and continues:

"We desire to inform you of the complete untruth of any such statement. The Public Education Association, with the support of the most intelligent opinion—professional and lay—severely criticizes principles of school management; it adopted these positions on an absolutely impersonal basis; it holds to them and urges them irrespective of individuals. The association has at times found itself in hearty agreement with Dr. Maxwell; at other times it has just as sharply differed from him.

"We believe that the first thing needed in the schools is a change of attitude on the part of the professional educators and the lay board as shall place the initiative and responsibility for purely educational questions in the hands of the educators, leaving to the board the final responsibility on broad questions of policy.

"We do not believe that an antagonism of personalities—wherever the right may lie on such a question—should lead to an improper and demoralizing appointment of power and of responsibility."

"PURITY PACT" HUSBAND FAILS TO GET DIVORCE.

Clement R. H. Cunningham Loses Suit Based on Vow Made Eighteen Years Ago.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 11.—Judge McMichael, in Common Pleas Court No. 2, handed down a decision this afternoon refusing to grant a divorce to Clement R. H. Cunningham from his wife, Irene D. The suit was based upon a "purity pact" at the time of their marriage in 1895.

It was explained that prior to the wedding of the pair they knelt down in the parlor of the young woman's home and made a solemn vow to "lead lives of purity."

In the eighteen years of their married life the "purity pact" remained unbroken and the marriage contract was never consummated.

Several years ago Cunningham left his wife, asserting his action was justified because she had refused to fulfill her conjugal duties. Mrs. Cunningham later brought proceedings to compel him to support her. The late Judge McGill ordered Cunningham to contribute \$100 a month for the support of his wife, but the Superior Court reversed the decision. Judge Orady of that tribunal ruled that such a pact between a married pair is not only "unnatural and peculiar," but of what constitutes purity of the marriage relation, but virtually annuls the marriage contract.

"Our whole social system," the judge continued, "is founded on the theory of a husband and wife living together as such, and the natural and reasonable expectancy is that children shall be born to that lawful union."

At the time the decision was rendered Cunningham's divorce suit was pending. The master to whom the case was referred recommended that the divorce be granted on the ground that Mrs. Cunningham was represented by ex-Judge James Jay Gordon. He contended that the testimony before the master had "proved conclusively that Mrs. Cunningham had always been a good, loving and estimable woman."

He cited authorities to show that a life of "total abstinence to show that had assumed was not ground for divorce."

SAFETY APPLIANCES SHOWN.

Big Concerns Have Exhibits in International Exposition.

The International Exposition of Safety and Sanitation was opened last night in the New Grand Central Palace. Among the large American exhibits making exhibits showing the advance that has been made in accident prevention and life saving methods are the Pennsylvania, New York Central, Southern Pacific, Baltimore and Ohio and Chicago and North Western Railroads, the New York Edison Company, the New York Telephone Company, the National Cash Register Company, the Welin Marine Equipment Company, and the United States Steel Corporation.

On the mezzanine floor are pitched four tents guarded by soldiers in khaki, who have an object lesson in the emergency, field and hospital work of the medical department of the United States army. There are three moving picture shows at the exposition, one maintained by the United States Public Health Service.

In the exhibit of the Pennsylvania Railroad is an exact size section of track showing the rails, sleepers and stone ballasting, with the method of working the block system, equipped with the lights and automatic signals. It occupies 100 feet of floor space of the New York Telephone Company's exhibit shows a telephone exchange in the city and another in Arlington, N. J. Girls are working at their switchboards in both exchanges and their switchboard lies a night scene of lower Manhattan.

Mrs. James Speyer opened the exhibit of the New York Women's League for Animals. Mrs. Frederick W. Vanderbilt, Mrs. Cornelius C. Cuyler and Miss Ella M. Clark, also officers of the league, were on hand at the opening of the booth. "Humane bits" instead of "cruel bits," blankets, non-slipping ice shoes, feed boxes, humane brushes are some of the things this exhibit has for horses.

WOMEN AFTER AUTO SPEEDERS.

Plan Mass Meeting in Berkeley Theatre for December 19.

A committee of women representing 80,000 other women have made plans for a mass meeting to be held by as many prominent men as they can persuade to attend, where a campaign will be started to curb automobile speeders.

The committee, headed by Miss Edith A. Reiffert, called at the City Hall yesterday to see Mayor Kline to ask him if he would be present. The Mayor was not in.

"You may have noticed," said Miss Reiffert, "that the women have got a good many things recently which they started after in this city. They lowered the price of eggs, temporarily at least; brought down food prices on several occasions, and now they are going to make it possible for them to cross the busiest street without being killed by a reckless automobile driver."

"We also want more motor cycle policemen, we want the licenses of reckless drivers revoked and we want killers tried for manslaughter."

Others on the committee are Mrs. A. M. Palmer, Mrs. Edward Hooke and Mrs. Thomas Slack. A meeting was held later at the home of Mrs. J. Hedges Crowell, 104 Fifth avenue, where details of the mass meeting were arranged.

The Berkeley Theatre was selected as the place for the mass meeting on December 19. Mayor-elect Mitchell, District Attorney Whitman and Congressman Calder are among those asked to speak.

SCHMIDT IGNORES FATHER'S PRESENCE

Hysterically Greets Sister, Who Came With Parent From Germany.

WARNING GIVEN TO VICTIM

Anna Ammiller, Slain Girl's Cousin Testifies, Told of "Sacrifice" Threat.

Hans Schmidt, on trial for the murder of Anna Ammiller, refused yesterday to speak to his father, Heinrich, who had come from Germany to testify in his son's behalf. The prisoner, however, had a hysterical interview with his sister Elizabeth, who accompanied her father. The family reunion took place in District Attorney Whitman's office.

Schmidt's greeting to his sister was most affectionate. She threw her arms about his neck and cried:

"Oh, Hans, how could you do it?" He made no answer.

Alphonse G. Koebbe, one of counsel for Schmidt, present, and he said later that Schmidt seemed to realize his position and kept up a rapid conversation in German. He continued to ignore his father, however, and would not even look at him. The elder Schmidt was deeply affected by the refusal of his son to recognize him and left the building in tears.

Hans cried with his sister spasmodically. He inquired after his mother, who is said to have been too ill to make the trip to cheer him in his hour of trouble. He was interested in news from home and when his sister told him their younger brother had met with a severe accident in which he had cut himself he said:

"Our family was one for blood, it seems."

That was the nearest approach to a reference to the crime for which Schmidt is being tried. Father and sister were with Schmidt for nearly an hour and when they separated the prisoner seemed to feel more cheerful. He laughed and joked with the detective on his way back to prison.

Ex-Judge W. M. K. Olcott of counsel for Schmidt, at the trial yesterday said from one witness an admission that the girl had been warned that her life might be sacrificed. Joseph Miller, a cousin of Miss Ammiller, nervous and reticent on the stand, finally answered "yes" to the question:

"And did not Anna tell you that Schmidt often talked to her of Old Testament sacrifices, that he said he ought to sacrifice her even as Abraham was called upon to sacrifice Isaac?"

The questioning closed there, the defense leaving it to the jury to infer as to the sanity of the prisoner.

Miller told of his efforts to break the friendship between the cousin and Schmidt. He even went so far as to bring to Schmidt's attention a letter which made Anna Ammiller out to be a bad woman. He told Schmidt she would bring him to the gallows, Schmidt paid no heed.

The accused man remained as inattentive to all that was said about him as in the earlier days of the trial. There might have been a dramatic moment once when August D. Taylor, janitor of the flats at 130 Claremont avenue, was asked to recognize Schmidt as a man who hired rooms last August.

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DENIES FITZGERALD LARCENY.

Deputy State Architect, on Stand, Aids Accused Man.

GLENS FALLS, N. Y., Dec. 11.—In the trial of former Superintendent of Prisons Cornelius V. Collins and Michael Fitzgerald, charged with grand larceny, Assistant Deputy State Architect James Sussdorf testified today that the payment of \$1,200 to Fitzgerald in November, 1909, to go to work on work done by him on the Great Meadow prison water supply system was a dramatic moment once when August D. Taylor, janitor of the flats at 130 Claremont avenue, was asked to recognize Schmidt as a man who hired rooms last August.

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He said that including the \$1,200, which Collins and Fitzgerald are alleged to have stolen, only \$2,454.82 had been paid to Fitzgerald on the total contract price of \$32,660.65, leaving a balance of \$30,205.83, which was \$500 in excess of the 15 per cent. of the contract price.

Sussdorf was the stand witness of the day for the purpose of identifying letters regarding the water supply contract written by Ware, Collins and Fitzgerald, which are to be introduced later by the prosecution.

TESTATORS REVELRIES TOLD.

Witness in Watnough Will Contest Describes Drunks and Kisses.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 11.—In his effort to break the will of the late John G. Watnough, who died several months ago, attorneys for the contestants produced today to-day who testified he saw Mrs. Ferdinand Keller, wife of the chief beneficiary of the testament, drinking with Watnough. Testimony showed that Keller and Watnough were intimate friends, and that Keller was intoxicated in their store.

Watnough in his will left \$100,000 to a French maid, Zelle Fagel, who served him for many years, and \$50,000 to Keller. A nephew and a half brother, who were ignored, are protesting the instrument.

Joseph Manjean, an employee of Keller, said that for years Watnough came to the store every day and remained there for hours.

"He used to sit in a small back room and drink all day," said Manjean, "and he drank as many as thirteen bottles."

Manjean said he saw Watnough and Mrs. Keller embrace and kiss. Often the two were quarreling. Called at the City Hall yesterday to see Mayor Kline to ask him if he would be present. The Mayor was not in.

\$6,200 NECKLACES STOLEN.

Package of Jewelry Disappeared on Way Here From Memphis.

The Jewelers Protective Union at 15 Maiden lane has offered a reward of \$100 for information that will lead to the arrest of the person who stole a package containing \$6,200 worth of jewelry from an express car en route from Memphis to New York.

The package, which contained a necklace of 492 pearls and a necklace of diamonds and emeralds, was shipped by the Jewelers Protective Union of Memphis through the Southern and Adams Express companies to Moskowitz Bros., jewelers at 14 John street, on October 10 last. The package failed to arrive in New York on the 14th and the jewelers put the case in the hands of the Protective Union, through which they are fully insured.

FIRST YEAR A SUCCESS.

School of Journalism to Award Travelling Scholarships.

According to the annual report of Dr. Talcott Williams, director of the Pulitzer School of Journalism, which was issued yesterday, the school has attained in its first year a greater degree of success than had been anticipated.

In all fifty-five matriculated and twenty-four non-matriculated students were registered in the school. Of these thirty-seven dropped out during the school year, leaving a total of forty-two, of whom fifteen were graduated. Five women were registered in the school, three in the third year and two in the fourth.

The only setback which the officers of the school viewed in the first year's work was the dropping out of students because they could not pass the test of reading easily in a foreign language. In order to stimulate interest in foreign languages three annual travelling scholarships are to be awarded beginning in 1915 to graduates who have passed their examinations with the highest honor. The scholarships will be valued at \$1,500 each.

Dr. Williams said that public opinion has been a factor in the success of the work already done.

UNSINKABLE SHIP IS NO DREAM OF FUTURE

Admirals and Naval Designers Hear of Plans for Liner Wholly Safe.

Hear Admirals, whose job it is to plan Uncle Sam's warships and fight them if necessary, attended the twenty-first general meeting of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, which opened yesterday in the Engineers' Club.

Rear Admiral Watt, chief of the Bureau of Construction, U. S. N., shook hands with Rear Admiral Washington L. Capps, H. C. Cone, chief of the Bureau of Steam Engineering, U. S. N., and F. J. Bowles, retired, who is now president of the Fore River Ship Building Company.

Among others who took part in the discussion as to how the strongest, safest and best ships can be built for naval and commercial uses were Naval Constructors D. W. Taylor, U. S. N., Lewis Nixon, Prof. C. H. Peabody, Edwin A. Stevens and George Crouse Cook, the lighthouse builder and expert.

Col. Robert M. Thompson, president of the society, presided and delivered an address of welcome. One of the specially interesting features of the first day's session was the report of the committee on the possibility of building a large passenger liner that would not, under any of the known mishaps at sea, lose her buoyancy or stability and sink.

"New and ever increasing laws," Mr. Dickie said, "concerning life-saving appliances have created a grave problem for the naval architect, both as to carrying out the laws and as to the cost of the large area of deck space with boats and rafts. In brief, the suggestions embodied are the fitting of a double upper deck and so arranging the water tight bulkheads as to make the lower members of the ship as a whole afloat."

The advantages to be considered in this arrangement as opposed to the drawback of wasted space are as follows: The space between the two members of the upper deck would be utilized for coal storage rooms, air ducts, water and steam piping, stores, etc. The first main deck at all times be under direct control. All horizontal piping and ducts through living compartments would be done away with. Communication to and from engine room, fire rooms, dynamo, ventilating and refrigerating rooms would be through a continuous water tight passage fitted with automatic water tight doors which would operate from the influx of the sea.

"In a ship so constructed and practically, at least, unsinkable, would it be necessary to carry the great number of lifeboats now deemed necessary and which, with the greatest freedom of our ocean liners, are utterly useless except in the event of a moderate sea and the speedy arrival of assistance?"

Mr. Dickie said he was convinced that a ship could be designed for passengers and freight that would be practically unsinkable.

The meeting will continue through today.

FINDS CITY'S COCAINE DEPOT.

Whitman's Assistant Traces Supply to Memphis Druggist.

On information gained by a visit to Memphis, Tenn., Assistant District Attorney Wilmer went before the Grand Jury yesterday seeking the indictment of a man who, he says, has sent \$200,000 worth of cocaine yearly to New York City for distribution. The information concerns a small drug store on the outskirts of Memphis. Under the law of that State he commits no crime in the possession of the store, but he has, nevertheless, committed a crime if he has shipped it to this city.

While away Mr. Wilmer got records from the telephone office showing that one man had called the store three times worth of cocaine in three months. This man, he says, is James D. Lorenzo, who is now under arrest on the charge of having run the drug store.

Two other distributors of cocaine are known. The District Attorney has their names and addresses and they probably will be indicted.

Mr. Wilmer journeyed while in Memphis to the present day of Tennessee governing the sale of cocaine has been repealed, to take effect January 1. The new law has been modeled on the lines of the law in effect in New York State.

NEW JERSEY NOTES.

NEWARK.—Plea of not guilty were entered before Judge Harry V. Osborne here yesterday by six alleged murderers and a man charged with manslaughter. This is a record number of capital cases, all of which will be tried this month.

JERSEY CITY.—Application will be made today to the Hudson County Boulevard commissioners by the Auto-Coach Company for a license to operate motor buses on that thoroughfare.

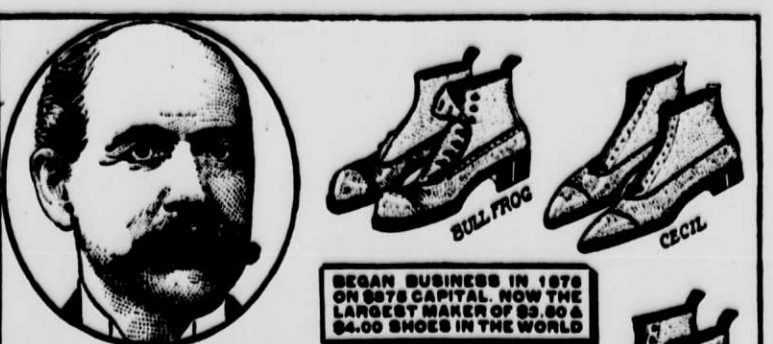
PASSAIC.—His anxiety Wednesday night to make the first snowball this winter cost Joseph Seafin of 55 Parker avenue \$5 in the police court yesterday. The one he broke broke a window.

HACKENSACK.—With the capture of Louis Rohr, Richard Van Sadlers and Joseph Fuchs, all of Little Ferry, the police believe that part of a gang of river pirates and coal thieves has been broken up. The prisoners are said to have shovelled several tons of coal from a stalled freight train.

PLAINFIELD.—William Doty, aged 45 years, was run down by a bus here yesterday and instantly killed. He was employed in the signal department of the road.

WHITHOUSE.—Dependent over the death of his wife, which occurred eleven weeks ago, David Newton Welch, 40 years old, committed suicide in his home in North Branch last night by shooting himself in the right temple with a revolver.

Wife Demands Missing Husband. MIDDLEBORO, N. Y., Dec. 11.—Elisabeth B. Hunter, who disappeared from her home at Scotchtown, near here, on November 25, is believed by his wife to be held by parties known to her. Unless she is released she threatens to appeal to the authorities.



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CEMETERY HIS CHOICE FOR DOUBLE TRAGEDY

Jealous Husband Lures Wife There, Shoots Her and Kills Himself.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 11.—After shooting and dangerously wounding his wife, Rose, 28 years old, near Englewood Cemetery this afternoon Joseph Wacker, aged 26, killed himself. Mrs. Wacker was removed to the City Hospital, where it was said her recovery was doubtful.

The shooting followed a quarrel that began about three months ago, when Wacker discovered that his wife was accepting the attentions of another man. Mrs. Wacker left her husband a week ago and the latter has been looking for her since. That Wacker had planned to kill his wife and then commit suicide if she refused to return to him was shown by a letter in his pocket. The note was addressed to his mother, Mrs. Wacker, of 417 South Twenty-third street, and read:

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SAFETY CAMPAIGN PLANNED.

Civic Organizations Meet to Combat Street Accidents.

Representatives of a score of civic and commercial organizations met at the Hotel Astor yesterday afternoon to form a permanent committee to organize a "safety" first campaign. Alderman Ralph Folks was selected as permanent chairman, Frederick H. Elliott, president of the Travel Club, vice-chairman, in charge of the men's organizations, and Mr. Robert F. Cartwright, chairman of the public safety committee of the New York Federation of Women's Clubs, vice-chairman, in charge of the women.

The campaign will be educational and legislative. Caution on the part of pedestrians and drivers of all kinds of vehicles using crowded streets will be urged through churches, schools and clubs by lectures, pictures and newspaper and sign advertising.

It was agreed that the law as it stands is sufficient, but its enforcement is lacking because of a lack of traffic policemen. John S. Durand of the West End Association and others said that the carelessness of pedestrians, especially children, was responsible for many fatal accidents and that the police should be urged to take action against accidents would do more toward reducing them than the arrest of 500 speeders for merely technical violations of the law.

Another Man Takes Mercury.

Angelo Lancia, 25 years old, of 343 East Thirtieth street, took a bicoloride of mercury tablet last night in a hallway at 560 Second avenue. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital by Dr. Prantz. This is the third case of mercury poisoning at Bellevue in three days and all three victims are in a serious condition.

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